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1. LAW ENFORCEMENT, SANITATION CAMPAIGNS LAUNCHED (UNCL)
IN A NOVEMBER 12 SPEECH HOME MINISTER U KO KO CALLED
FOR NEW CAMPAIGNS TO IMPROVE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND SANITA-
TION AND TO COMBAT DRUG ABUSE (SEE BELOW). HE SAID THAT
FOLLOWING THE LIFTING OF MARTIAL LAW IN RANGOON AUGUST 31,
SANITARY CONDITIONS HAVE DETERIORATED, AND HE DIRECTED
THAT THE SANITATION PROGRAM BE REACTIVATED. HE ALSO
CALLED FOR STRONGER ACTION THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AGAINST
"HOLLIGANS," TRAFFIC VIOLATORS, AND SQUATTERS, AND FOR
THE ISSUANCE OF NEW NATIONAL REGISTRATION (IDENTITY)
CARDS BECAUSE OF THE WIDESPREAD USE OF FORGERIES.

2. CALL FOR STRONGER ACTION ON DRUG ABUSE (UNCL)
IN THE SAME SPEECH AS ABOVE, U KO KO SAID THAT IN
SPITE OF THE ANTI-NARCOTICS MEASURES WHICH HAVE BEEN
ALREADY IMPLEMENTED, CASES OF DRUG ABUSE IN THE CITIES
ARE INCREASING, ESPECIALLY AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE. STRESSING
THE NEED FOR "DECISIVE ACTION" ON DRUG ABUSE, HE CITED
STATISTICS FOR RANGOON DIVISION WHICH SHOWED 202 PERSONS
ARRESTED FOR DRUG OFFESNSES IN 1974, 361 IN 1975, AND
381 THROUGH OCTOBER 1976. HE SAID THAT EVEN THOUGH
THE DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION OF DRUG ABUSERS HAD
EXPIRED, THEY COULD STILL REGISTER AND GET TREATMENT,
AND HE WARNED PARENTS OF DRUG ABUSERS THAT THEY WILL
ALSO FACE PENALTIES IF THEIR CHILDREN FAIL TO REGISTER.

3. ACCUSED HEARD AT COUP PLOT TRIAL (LOU)
THE COUP PLOT TRIAL BEGAN TO TAKE TESTIMONY FROM
THE ACCUSED PLOTTERS. ALLEDGED RINGLEADER CAPT. OHN
KYAW MYINT DENIED CONSPIRING TO ASSASSINATE GUB LEADERS
AND SEIZE STATE POWER AND SAID HE "HAD BECOME AN ACCUSED
BECAUSE I HAD LISTENED TO CAPT. TUN KYAW AND CAPT. SAN
KYI (OTHER ALLEDGED PLOTTERS) ON EX-GENERAL TIN OO'S
RESIGNATION AND HAD BECOME ANGRY AGAINST THE (GUB) LEADERS."
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HE SAID HE SOUGHT ASYLUM AT THE U.S. AMBASSADOR'S HOUSE
BECAUSE HE HAD MADE STATEMENTS CRITICAL OF GOVERNMENT
LEADERS AND THE ECONOMY, AND HE BECAME FRIGHTENED WHEN
HE HEARD THAT OTHER PERSONAL ASSISTANTS HE HAD TALKED
WITH WERE BEING ARRESTED.

COMMENT: OHN KYAW MYINT'S DEFENSE DID NOT SEEM
VERY PERSUASIVE.

4. KYAW ZAW APPOINTED TO BCP MILITARY COMMISSION (LOU)
THE CLANDESTINE BCP RADIO ANNOUNCED THAT EX-BRIGADIER
KYAW ZAQ HAS BEEN MADE A MEMBER OF THE BCP CENTRAL
MILITARY COMMISSION.

COMMENT: KYAW ZAW, ONE OF THE "THIRTY COMRADES,"
WAS DISMISSED FROM THE ARMY IN 1957 BECAUSE OF ALLEDGED
POR-BCP SYMPATHIES, AND HE LEFT RANGOON FOR BCP-CONTROLLED
TERRITORY IN EARLY AUGUST. (SEE WEEKA #32, ITEM 2.)

5. DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS ESTABLISHED WITH PORTUGAL (UNCL)
THE GUB ANNOUNCED ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS WITH PORTUGAL AT THE EMBASSY LEVEL EFFECTIVE
NOVEMBER 14.

COMMENT: THE BURMESE DO NOT PLAN TO OPEN AN EMBASSY
IN LISBON, AND WILL PROBABLY ACCREDIT THEIR AMBASSADOR
TO FRANCE AS NON-RESIDENT AMBASSADOR TO PORTUGAL.

6. ROK, PRC SOCCER DIPLOMACY (UNCL)
THE ROK HANYANG UNIVERSITY SOCCER TEAM LEFT RANGOON
NOVEMBER 10 AFTER PLAYING WELL-ATTENDED EXHIBITION
MATCHES WITH BURMESE TEAMS. THEY WERE FOLLOWED BY THE
PRC KWANGTUNG TEAM, WHICH ARRIVED NOVEMBER 16 FOR A
"GOODWILL PLAYING TOUR."
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